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Approved
 VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
 SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON
 April 18, 2012 MEETING
 Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conference Room

In attendance: Brucie Moulton, Dave Haas, Elizabeth Karpati, DeAnne Dupont, Gail McCormick, Cate Maas, Charlotte Milan (reporting)

Next Meetings: Wed. May 16, Wed. June 18

Updates

- March minutes were approved
- EcoFest was a success, next year's theme will be open spaces and the people who care for them
- Perhaps last year's REDUCE mosaic can be re-used
- David's and Dave's trifolds and the Dino could continue to be displayed around town, kept in public spaces
- Arlington will hear soon if we are accepted as a Solarize MA Community
- Symmes- no update, Jake Upton was a no show in March; we would like to know about their experience meeting the new stretch energy code

PRESENTATION: Putting Federal Dollars to Work in Chelsea, MA

Cate Mass gave a compelling presentation, which included

- Diesel emission reduction projects at the New England Produce Market, the second largest Produce Market in the country, accommodating 2,000-3,000 trucks a day and 250-500 trucks idling at any one time. The project goal was to repower 79 stationary trailers with electric engines, upgrade truck dock electrification system and reduce yearly emissions
- Chelsea, MA, as an environmental justice community and the economic benefits for everyone in accomplishing environmental improvements at the market
- Cate began this undertaking by getting a position on the Board of Health

Other business

- Dave spoke about the Environmental Business Council
- Brucie is investigating geothermal ground source heating/cooling opportunities